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EYES ONLY FOR DAVID ANDERSON (S/S) FROM AMBASSADOR
STOESSEL

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY) GW WB
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

REF: STATE 118164

1. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR VERY HELPFUL TELEGRAM. WE WERE
GLAD TO HAVE THE ANSWERS YOU WERE ABLE TO OBTAIN THUS
FAR, AND WE WILL LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING FRAN VOORDE
AND BOB GATES AT THE END OF MAY.

2. ON THE BASIS OF YOUR TELEGRAM, WE HAVE TOLD THE
FOREIGN OFFICE THAT IT IS EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT THE
PRESIDENT WILL STAY AT GYMNIC. AS FOR HOUSING THE REST
OF THE PARTY, ADMIN HAS BEEN WORKING ON HOTELS FOR SOME
MONTHS BUT THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF GETTING
ONE ENTIRE HOTEL. BOTH THE US OFFICIAL CONTINGENT AND
THE PRESS CORPS WILL BE DISPERSED, WITH SOME IN COLOGNE.
WE HAVE JUST SENT A CABLE DESCRIBING ALTERNATIVES FOR
HOUSING THE PRESS AND POSING QUESTIONS ON WHICH IMMEDIATE
DECISIONS ARE NEEDED.

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3. WE HAVE NOW GONE TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE TO SUGGEST
THAT WE WORK OUT AN AGREED ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE BILATERAL
VISIT. THE GERMANS, LIKE THE WHITE HOUSE, ARE RELAXED
ON THE SUBJECT BUT ACCEPT THE POINT THAT AN OFFICIAL
ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE DESIRABLE AS A MEANS OF HEADING
OFF FURTHER ERRONEOUS REPORTING. WE SEE THE ANNOUNCE-
MENT AS A MEANS OF PINNING DOWN WHETHER IT IS TO BE A

STATE VISIT OR AN OFFICIAL VISIT.
THE DRAFT TEXT WE HAVE LEFT WITH
THE FOREIGN OFFICE FOR CONSIDERATION ALSO MENTIONS
BERLIN IN THE PROPER WAY. WE WILL CABLE A TEXT FOR
CLEARANCE AS SOON AS WE HAVE A GERMAN REACTION.

4. WITH REGARD TO THE MEETINGS WITH PARTY LEADERS,
MY INITIAL REACTION TO A JOINT MEETING WITH KOHL AND
STRAUSS IS STRONGLY NEGATIVE, AND I AM SURE THEY WOULD FEEL THE
SAME WAY. WE WILL ADDRESS THE WHOLE QUESTION OF MEETINGS
WITH PARTY LEADERS IN A SEPARATE TELEGRAM. THERE ARE
OBVIOUS PROS AND CONS, AND ASIDE FROM THE FACT THAT
BREZHNEV AND OTHER STATE VISITORS HAVE MET WITH ALL FOUR
INDIVIDUALLY THERE WOULD BE POLITICAL ADVANTAGES FOR
THE PRESIDENT TO DO SO. BY LIMITING EACH VISIT TO SAY
20 MINUTES IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO WORK ALL FOUR IN,
USING PART OF THE TIME SAVED BY CANCELLING THE DIPLOMATIC
RECEPTION.

5. WE HAVE TOLD THE FOREIGN OFFICE THAT THE
WHITE HOUSE WOULD LIKE TO BE A BIT MORE
RELAXED ON THE PROTOCOL "REQUIREMENTS," AND SPECIFICALLY
THAT A DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION MIGHT HAVE TO GO BY THE
BOARD. THE RUSSIANS MAY HAVE DONE US A FAVOR IN FIGHTING
THAT BATTLE; AS BREZHNEV DID NOT RECEIVE THE DIPLOMATIC
CORPS, I DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT THE ARGUMENTS FOR THE
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PRESIDENT TO DO SO WILL BE TOO STRONG.

6.. FOR THE MILITARY PROGRAM, OUR PREFERENCE HAS ALSO
SWITCHED OVER TO WIESBADEN, AND WE ARE REPORTING THAT
SEPARATELY.
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